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TO LET.
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Hongkong, May 5, 1878.

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ICE CHESTS, THE LATEST AMERICAN IMPROVEMENT. ICE PAILS, Plates and Tongues. AMERICAN PORCELAIN-LINED ICE PITCHERS. POCKET SIPHONIAS, WEIGH ONLY 12 OUNCES. AUTOMATON UMBRELLAS. The New BROWN and BLACK FELT HATS. SUMMER STRAW HATS. FORT'S EUREKA SHIRTS, COLLARS ATTACHED. REMINGTON MATCH RIFLES. SHORT SNIDERS, WITH SWORD BAYONETS. NEW STYLES in FRENCH BRACES. VARIOUS MANILA CIGARS, \$9.50 per Box of 500. AIR CUSHIONS and BEDS. SWIMMING BELTS. THIN SILK SCARVES for Summer. LIGHT French Summer BOOTS and SHOES. A Large Collection of OLEOGRAPHS. COIR DOOR MATS, in all Sizes. HAND VALISES. BARON LIEBIG'S FOOD for ADULTS, a complete substitute for COD LIVER OIL. BARON LIEBIG'S FOOD for INFANTS—out of 1,000 Children fed on this Food, the mortality in one year amounted to only Four Deaths, and these were hopeless, or nearly so, before being put on this Food diet. The New Food Warmer, THE MOTHER'S FRIEND, keeps Food Warm for 12 hours. French COFFEE MACHINES. MAPLE SYRUP. FRUIT and LIME-JUICE SYRUPS.

HONGKONG, May 9, 1878.

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GREAT REDUCTION in the PRICE of Plain Coloured GLACE SILKS. For a short time only. We shall offer Various Colours at one uniform Price, 60 Cents per Yard, some slightly soiled but all admirably suited for Summer Wear, Evening Dresses or Undershirts. Our usual Price for these Goods is \$1.25 per Yard.

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WHITE DRESS GOODS, in Endless Variety. COLOURED FRENCH LAWNS, Wash and Wear Well.

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FINE WHITE FLANNELS, made specially for Summer Wear.

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SAYLE & CO., VICTORIA EXCHANGE, Queen's Road, and Stanley Street: [my24]

HONGKONG, January 21, 1878.

W. BALL,

Intimations.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

IN Accordance with the Articles of Association, the FIRST MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be Held at the Office of the Under-signed at 3 p.m., on TUESDAY, 23rd Instant.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Agents.

Hongkong, May 17, 1878. my23

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

HENRY B. HYDE, President. J. W. ALEXANDER, Vice-President. SAMUEL BORROW, Secretary. A. A. HAYES, Jr., General Manager, for China and Japan.

Hongkong, May 17, 1878.

PRINCIPAL OFFICE, 120, BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

Hongkong, May 18, 1878.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR MANILA.

The Spanish Steamer

"SORSOGON,"

LOPEZ, Master, will have

quick despatch for the above Port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & CO.

Hongkong, May 20, 1878.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAISE.

The Company's Steamship

"VOLGA,"

Commandant ROLAND, will

be despatched for YOKOHAMA shortly after the arrival of the next French Mail from Europe.

H. du POUY,

Agent.

Hongkong, May 18, 1878.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAISE.

The Company's Steamship

"YANG-TSE,"

Commandant RAPATEL, will

be despatched for SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from Europe.

H. du POUY,

Agent.

Hongkong, May 18, 1878.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR SYDNEY (DIRECT).

The A 1 British Bark

"HELENS,"

WILLIS, Master, having the

greater part of her Cargo engaged, will have quick despatch.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

CARLOWITZ & CO.

Hongkong, May 17, 1878.

NOTICE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

THE DEPARTURE of the Company's

Steamer "CITY OF PEKING" is

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MR. WILLIAM HENRY HARTON,
Jr., is this Day admitted a PARTNER
in our Firm.

GILMAN & Co.

Hongkong and Foochow,
May 1, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr.
EDWARD CUNNINGHAM in our
Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASED on
the 31st December last.

RUSSELL & Co.

China, March 8, 1878.

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NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr.
M. S. GUBBAY in our Firm CEASED
on the 31st December, 1877.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

Shanghai, May 11, 1878.

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NOTICE.

THE PARTNERSHIP existing between Mr.
JOHN G. PURDON and Mr. HENRY
W. DAVIS in HONGKONG and CANTON,
under the Style of PURDON & Co., is This
Day DISSOLVED by mutual consent; either
Partner will sign in liquidation, and the
Business will be carried on by Mr. H. W.
DAVIS under the Style of DAVIS & Co.

PURDON & Co.

China, April 30, 1878.

NOTICE.

MR. HENRY W. DAVIS retires from
M. and his Interest and Responsibility
CEASED in our Firm at Foochow from the
30th Ultimo; and Messrs JOHN ANDREW
MAITLAND and EDWARD PYE HAGUE
are admitted PARTNERS thereto from
This Date.

PURDON & Co.

China, May 1, 1878.

NOTICE.

MR. JOHN GRAEME PURDON is
this Day admitted a PARTNER in
our Firm.

MAITLAND & Co.

Shanghai, May 1, 1878.

NOTICE.

MR. CHARLES COLE is authorised to
sign our Firm for pro curement at
FOOCHOW.

PURDON & Co.

Foochow, May 1, 1878.

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NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the
Under-signed in the Chinese Mail,
華字日報 (Wah Tse Yat Po),
CHANGED from the 1st August, 1877, but
Debt prior to that Date will be received
and paid by him.

CHUN AYIN.

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

NOTICE.

ON Reference to the above, the Under-
signed has LEASED the Chinese Mail
from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged
the services of Mr. LEONG YOOK CHUN,
as Translator and General Manager of the
newspaper, which under its new régime
will be found to be, as hitherto, an ex-
cellent medium for advertising, especially
as the Manager is able to devote his whole
attention to the conduct of the Newspaper.

KONG CHIM,

Leases of the Hongkong Chinese Mail
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S.
Macan, from Manila, are hereby
notified that their Goods are being landed
and stored in the Godowns of the Under-
signed at their risk and expense.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, May 17, 1878.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo
are requested to send in their Bills of
Lading to the Under-signed for counter-
signature, and take immediate delivery.
This Cargo has been landed and stored at
their risk and expense.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. du POUHEY,

Agent.

Ex "Iraquaddy."

£ (in diamond) 615/24 Order, } from
10 cases Worsted, } London.

Ex "Sinch."

TH 35/38 Order, 4 cases Um- } from
SS bellars, } Marseilles.

LA 6/7 Order, 2 cases Fine } from
Arm. } Marseilles.

SAC 183 Order, 1 case Um- } from
Buckles, } London.

Hongkong, May 18, 1878.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S.
Euphrate, from London, in connection
with the ab^o Steamer, are hereby
informed that their Goods are being landed
and stored at their risk at the Company's
Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained
immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on
unless intimation is received from the Con-
signees before To-day, the 13th Instant,
at 10 a.m., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
the Under-signed.

Goods remaining unclaimed after SATUR-
DAY, the 18th Instant, at Noon, will be
subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. du POUHEY,

Hongkong, May 18, 1878.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Historian having arrived
from the above Ports, Consignees of
Cargo are requested to send their Bills of
Lading to the Under-signed for counter-
signature, and take immediate delivery
of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at
once landed and stored at Consignee's risk
and expense.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, May 20, 1878.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the Under-signed
Cargo are hereby informed that unless
the same be taken delivery of within one
month from this date it will be sold to pay
expenses.

E. Argentino, 30th April, 1877,
10 Cases.

Ex Elgin, 26th May, 1877,
W S (in diamond) 8 Cases.

D S & Co. (in diamond) 1 Box.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

7, Queen's Road,

Hongkong, May 4, 1878

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STANDARD FIRE OFFICE, LONDON.

THE Under-signed having been appointed
Agents to the above Company at this
Port, are prepared to grant Policies against
Fire to the extent of \$40,000, on Buildings
or on Goods stored thereon.

DISCOUNT 20 %

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR FOOCHOW (DIRECT).

The Steamship
"STATE OF ALABAMA,"
Capt. A. RICHIE, Commander, will
be despatched as above on
SATURDAY, the 26th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, May 22, 1878.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Steamship

"YESO,"

Capt. S. ANTON, will be de-
spatched for the above Ports
on SATURDAY, the 25th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, May 22, 1878.

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signed has LEASED the Chinese Mail
from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged
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as Translator and General Manager of the
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as the Manager is able to devote his whole
attention to the conduct of the Newspaper.

KONG CHIM,

Leases of the Hongkong Chinese Mail

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

SHIP SIR HARRY PARKES,

FROM LONDON.

MAILS will close:

For FOOCHOW.

Per State of Alabama, at 6 p.m., on

Friday, the 24th inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

Per Feso, at noon, on Saturday, the

25th inst.

For SAIGON.

Per Bellona, at 4.30 p.m., on Tuesday,

the 28th inst.

For YOKOHAMA & SAN FRANCISCO.

Per City of Peking is postponed till

further notice.

Hongkong, May 22, 1878.

NOTICE.

POLICE DEPARTMENT,

HONGKONG, 22ND MAY, 1878.

NOTICE has been received that BLANK

CARTRIDGE FIRING will take place on

the PARADE GROUND, near

MURRAY BARACKS, at 5.30 to 6.30 p.m.,

23RD, THURSDAY.

C. V. OREAGH,

Acting Captain Superintendent.

NOTICE.

SHIP OWNERS and OTHER GENTLE-

MEN desirous of giving evidence or

expressing their views on the subject of

the "MERCHANT SHIPPING CONSOLIDATION

BILL," now under the consideration of

a Special Committee of the Legislative

Council, are invited to notify the Under-

signed the particular Points on which

they wish to be heard, in order that an opportunity

may be afforded them of being in

attendance when the proper time arrives.

By Command,

H. E. WODEHOUSE,

Clerk of Council,

COUNCIL CHAMBER,

May 22, 1878.

NOT Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor

Carriers will be Responsible for any

Debt contracted by the Officers or Crews

of the following Vessels, during their stay

in Hongkong Harbour:-

DEVAN, British barque, Capt. William

May.—Melchers & Co.

H. G. JOHNSON, American barque, Capt.

Isaac N. Colby.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

GYLTON, American barque, Captain Edward Kelly.—Oliphant & Co.

AMERICA, British steamer, Captain J.

Graham.—Briley & Co.

INQUEST.

An inquest was held this afternoon at the Magistracy, on the body of Sun Un-chung, a prisoner in the Gaol, before the Coroner (C. V. Creagh, Esq.), and the following gentlemen as a Jury, Messrs J. Humby, C. Hurst, and J. N. Grossmann. The deceased was undergoing sentence of six months' hard labour for larceny. He was sentenced on the 16th January of this year. His character was very indifferent, and he received the usual gaol punishment five times, but he was never flogged. He was admitted to Hospital on the 16th instant.

Dr Ayres proved the cause of death, which was disease of the heart. He said he made a report of the case to H. E. the Governor, but did not recommend his release as he had no friends and would not be likely to receive proper attention. There are several men in the Gaol suffering from the same complaint. The deceased had been twice in Hospital and was always under treatment as an out-patient.

The Jury returned a verdict of death from natural causes.

THE THUNDER AND RAIN STORM OF LAST NIGHT.

The thunder-storm of last night was one of the most terrific that has ever been experienced in this Colony, and as might have been expected has caused no little damage to property. We also regret to state that several lives were lost. The heavy rain experienced yesterday continued with little intermission until after 1 o'clock this morning, when it increased in violence and squalls became frequent. The lightning began to play continuously, about 2 o'clock, and it appeared as if the air was nothing but one mass of electricity; there was however no thunder at this time. About 1 past 2 the lightning became more vivid and was of the most dangerous type, heavy peals of thunder succeeding one another in quick succession. The rain poured down in a perfect deluge, the whole town being almost enveloped in light owing to the continuous flashes of lightning which seemed not to cease even for one moment. The electric current appeared to travel from East to West, then back to East. The peals of thunder then ceased for a short time and there was a brief and deceptive lull, but at about 1 past 3 o'clock the storm resumed its fury with redoubled intensity. One peal of thunder was so terrific that it seemed to shake the whole city; it was short, and sharp, like the report of an 80-ton gun overhead. This morning we made a tour of inspection to ascertain the damage done. A number of boats had taken refuge in the Nullah at Wong-ni-cheong, East Point, and the heavy floods from the hills filling it to overflowing swept the boats from their moorings and carried them in a cluster against the parapet of the Fraya bridge. Several boats were swept out into the Bay, and several capsized in the Nullah. One of the parapets of the bridge was carried away. It is estimated that about 40 boats came to grief, and that 20 or 30 people must have perished. Many of the unfortunate managed to clamber on shore across other boats, when their own boats were capsized. The Police only report three or four deaths, but we much fear that our estimate is too correct. The roads are cut up in all directions, exposing to view the gas and water-pipes. Wanchai Road, East Point, is torn in this way, as is also Centre Street, West Point. The gate of the Naval Hospital leading into the Wanchai Road has been completely washed away, and stones weighing nearly half a ton were buried into the street a distance of about 80 feet. The back wall of a house fell in the same neighbourhood, and one woman was badly injured. The sides of the Nullah at West Point, the upper roads—Robinson, Castle, and Caine Roads—are more or less torn up, and the pathway passing College Gardens has been riddled as if by white ants. Above this path, on the Glenmore road, a small land-slip has brought down several trees into the roadway; and the wall, dividing the Blue Bungalow from the neighbouring villa, came down with a crash. Probably the most serious damage, however, caused to foreign property is that which has befallen the villa known as Belmont. A large drain which runs underneath this house has burst, and the rush of water in its downward sweep has carried away a mass of the foundations; the result of which is that the walls of the house are cracked in several places. The grounds surrounding the building have been turned into a desert of sand, while the pathway leading up to the house is fearfully torn and shattered, with a number of open gaps on either side. This drain seems to us to be one of the old main drains from the higher level to the sea, some of which were entirely lost eight or nine years since. As the owner of the property will probably have some ground of complaint against the Government, we refrain from prejudging the matter at present, and only remark that it is a very unfortunate affair altogether.

Some idea of the enormous rainfall may be gathered from the fact that the official雨量表 registered 94 inches, while unofficial雨量表 showed 11 and 12 inches. We have had rain more than once in probably the oldest residence in the colony, and the

cannot recall when heavy rain fell so continuously for so long a period.

The weather to the northward has been very bad. The S. S. *Yest*, reports having experienced similar weather last night to that which we had here, between this and Breaker Point, but she also experienced a heavy gale of wind, and there was every indication of a typhoon. The wind came in from the N.W., and worked round by N. to the S.E. The thunder and lightning is described as something terrific, and the sea was as light as day. Strange to say Canton escaped the storm. There was a little rain between 7 and 9 o'clock, but the remainder of the night was fine.

Police Intelligence.
(Both Magistrates sitting.)

22nd May, 1878.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.

Lau Aon, a coolie, was fined \$5 or 21 days' hard labour for having been found in the unlawful possession of a piece of lead at the Naval Yard.

Hun Alung, a marine hawker, was fined \$2 or ten-days' hard labour for having been found in the unlawful possession of some hoop iron.

FALSE CHARGE.

Kau Aon, a rattan-cutter, was sent to 14 days' hard labour and ordered to pay \$3 to one Lum Atai, a coppersmith, for having brought a wilful false charge against him. He said the man with two others beat him with iron rods without any provocation.

PICKING POCKETS.

Ng Afat, a coolie, pleaded guilty to stealing a purse containing \$5 and some cents from the person of a seaman named Hans Anderson. There were several previous convictions against the prisoner, and Mr Creagh therefore remanded him to enable enquiries to be made as to his antecedents.

SUPREME COURT.

IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.
(Before Acting Chief Justice Snowden.)

May 22, 1878.

The following gentlemen were empanelled as a Jury, Messrs A. de Britto, H. Müller, W. Dolan, J. H. Cox, G. S. Yull, C. Deneberg, and H. E. Bradon. The Attorney General (the Hon. G. Phillippe) appeared to prosecute.

Regina v. Wong Ayan.

The prisoner was indicted for stealing an opium pipe and on three previous convictions. He was found guilty and sentenced to 2 months' hard labour.

Regina v. Choo Asing.

The prisoner was indicted for stealing a jacket, and for 6 previous convictions. The jury found him guilty and he was sentenced to 4 years' penal servitude.

Wong Aluk, who was found guilty on Monday of stealing a jacket valued at 20 cents, was sentenced to 2 months' hard labour; and Chan Muk Yan, who was found guilty yesterday of receiving goods piratically stolen, was sent to 2 years' imprisonment with hard labour.

This concluded the Sessions.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE VOLUNTEERS.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, May 22, 1878.

Sir,—I cannot but admire the metal (mottle) and pluckiness of "A. Scott" (who writes to your contemporary this morning) who dares to appear on his first parado (in Hongkong) in yesterday's downpour. "A. Scott" must I fancy be ignorant of the fact that wet weather is usually avoided for drilling "regulars" in the open, as it often costs the men, out of their own pockets, I believe, a small sum for cleaning uniform accoutrements, &c., afterwards; when "A. Scott" finds this applies to him also as a "Volunteer" it may perhaps damp his ardor more than the rain.

I am Sir, Yours &c.,

BANG GOES A SAXPENCE."

P. S.—If "A. Scott" really desired a wetting why did he not take a quiet stroll between 1 and 2 o'clock this morning.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, May 22, 1878.

Sir.—Allow me to suggest that the well-wishers to the Volunteer Movement, having had their say and aired their *hors-de-plume*, should now desist from writing and grumbling, and show what they can do in the way of work.

Those who do not wish well to the scheme, would also now do well, to wait and see what a twelvemonth's training can do, instead of writing such senseless letters as that which appeared in your contemporary of this morning.

A BRITON.

China.

Foochow.

(Herald, May 16th)

Our readers' will, we are sure, unite in an expression of regret at the prospect of an early closing of the Foochow Native Hospital. Since the lamented death of Dr David Manson—whose interest in the Hospital was of the most active and untiring character, this useful and benevolent institution has, we understand, in great measure ceased to afford medical and surgical relief to native sufferers. We presume that this is to a large extent unavoidable, from the fact of there now being only one medical practitioner in the Settlement—whose time, we can well imagine, is fully occupied in attendance on foreign patients. If these untoward circumstances should render imperative—as we hear is probable—the absolute closing of the Hospital, it would be very unfortunate, and we believe that the entire community would deplore such an unwelcome necessity.

For—New Season's *Concours* from the Foochow districts commenced to arrive yesterday.

towards the close of last week, followed by a moderate supply of leaf from the Pao Tong, Sa Yune, Suey Kut, Yung How,

Tong Ling Tong, and Wong Tol districts—total arrivals to date amounting to about 64,000 chests against barely 2,000 chests at corresponding period of last year. A few irregular purchases of Boiling Kindi were reported early in the current week, but buying did not become general until yesterday, when settlements were declared at the following rates:—Pehling Tls. 21 & 25, Sa Yune Tls. 21 & 25, Pan Yung Tls. 28 & 27, and Suey Kut Tls. 23 & 24. So far, therefore, operations have been entirely confined to parcels from the lower districts, and at prices much on a par with last season's opening rates. With the exception of a few ships of Pehling, Pan Yung, and Sa Yune, the average of masters hitherto shown may be characterized as deficient in sterling quality, and, at best, only equal to last season's admittedly inferior yield.

It is possible that there may be a surprise in store for expectant buyers;

but even at this early stage of the new

season it is certainly disappointing to find

that we are not any nearer the old, and, it

is much to be feared, almost forgotten

standard of quality.

Settlements of Congou since 1st May 16, 643

chests, at Tls. 21 & 24 per picul, (short.)

Total arrivals of Congou.... 64,105 chests.

" settlements " 18,643 "

Stock, 40,552 chests.

Total arrivals of Oolong.... 222 1-chests.

" settlements " Nil "

Stock, 222 1-chests.

Opium.—14 chests of Persian drug have been re-exported to Amoy. Market quiet but steady.

Lead.—A few barter transactions against tea are reported; but sales for cash are difficult.

Freight.—To London—per steamer—\$4.

10 per ton of 40 feet (the S. S. *Domed* has taken \$3 per ton of 40 feet.)

Vessels loading.—For London.—Steamships *Domed* (under despatch) *Glenfarclas*, *Glenloch*, *Glenroy*, *Braemar Castle*, and *Holland*.

Vessels expected to load.—For London.—Steamships *Bearny*, and *Flintshire*. For Australia.—Steam-ships *Killarney*, *Ocean*, and *Brisbane*.

SPURIOUS TEA.

In our last issue, we called attention to certain attempted adulteration of the new season's tea. All endeavours to detect the purveyors and guilty purchasers of the spurious leaf, in question, have, so far, we understand, proved unavailing. But through the valuable and timely aid of H. B. M.'s Consul at this port, who lost no time in communicating with the Provincial Governor, the following stringent proclamation has been issued—warning the public against the malpractice complained of, and offering a reward for the apprehension of guilty parties to the threatened frauds:—

"I, Pao, by Imperial Appointment Acting Lieutenant-Governor of Fukien, issue the below proclamation for the arrest [of certain offenders]."

"Whereas information has reached me that lately certain counterfeiting villains, knowing the difficulty of detecting the admixture of young willow leaves dried and prepared, with genuine tea,—are, in their greed for gain, only awaiting the arrival of the new season's tea to make this admixture."

"Whereas moreover the new season's tea will shortly be pouring into Foochow in all directions from the various tea-districts, notwithstanding apprehension [of the above mentioned malefactors] and the suppression [of the fraud] is much to be desired, to the end that the guilty may be punished and the merchants protected."

"Therefore, besides giving orders for a rigid and secret search for and punishment of [the offenders], I issue this prohibitory proclamation to inform all classes that these seditious and dishonest scoundrels are uniting together to make false tea with a view to defrauding the merchants and to damage [the trade]. Their crime is therefore very great."

"Any of their accomplices who may repeat of their past misdeeds, and wish to turn over a new leaf [lit: wash their heart and strip the skin from their face], I am willing to pardon, and to overlook what has gone before. But if, after this proclamation has been issued, they continue to offend and will not change their conduct, when complaint is made of them or when they are discovered and brought up for trial, I shall assuredly give instructions for an augmented punishment and will not abate one jot of it."

"I am informed that the persons in Foochow who are at the head of this fabrication of spurious tea, are few in number; if therefore any man can bring one of them bound to my Yamen, and the accusation prove to be true, a reward of \$100 will be given. Any person laying an information against one of these principal offenders will on its being verified receive a reward of \$50. Nevertheless, people must not, to gratify a grudge, bring false accusations,—should this happen the informer shall himself receive the punishment."

"Let all, trembling, obey without fail."

"A very important Proclamation!"

10th May, 1878."

H. M.'s Consul has further, we believe, requested His Excellency the Governor to issue instructions to the heads of departments in the upper tea-growing districts, to put out a similarly-worded document.—*Foochow Herald*.

DIARY OF THE EASTERN QUESTIONS.

(Compiled from the London *Daily Papers*.)

FRIDAY, April 6.—The Continental press continues to criticize Lord Salisburys despatch. At Vienna it is much applauded by all the papers. It is stated by the *Paris Temps* that no Power has yet entered upon fresh negotiations with a view to the meeting of the Congress, and that none are likely to be officially attempted until General Ignatieff returns to Vienna. Austria, the *Temps* adds, seems to have made up her mind to accept no combination offered by Russia alone, and it may therefore be hoped, it says, that Russia will submit to a complete discussion of the Treaty of San Stefano, rather than run into a war at the risk of utterly exhausting her already diminished resources. It was reported at Vienna yesterday that Germany is making every effort to bring about an understanding between Austria and Russia, but the results of the efforts were not known. One of Count Andrasys requirements is that the nomination of the ruler of Bulgaria shall be

a European one. It is asserted at Constantinople that the Turkish authorities are changing their views in favour of Russia, and that the English influence is declining.

In consequence of the alteration in the Sultan's disposition, Ministerial modifications may be expected. The *Morning Advertiser*'s Vienna correspondent says that in consequence of the avowal of the source of information of Sir Henry Elliot respecting the Bessarabian question the Roumanian Envoy at St. Petersburg and at Vienna have tendered their resignations. Russia and Roumania are now so hopelessly antagonistic that M. Bratiano, the Prime Minister of the principality, openly declares that his mission to Vienna is to establish as close a connection with Austria as possible, and that a protectorate should be established, although not an incorporation with the Empire. Roumania offers, if M. Bratiano's suggestion be listened to, a contingent of 60,000 trained troops in case of war. Although no definitive answer has been given, it is believed that the Hungarian Parliament will pass a joint resolution urging the Government to resist the demand of Russia for Moldavian Bessarabia. The Greek insurgents have been repulsed at Matranga, and have had to retreat. Italian war vessels have been sent to the coast of the insurgent provinces to rescue women and children. It is announced from Berlin that a German ironclad squadron will proceed to the East early next month.

Saturday, April 6.—At Vienna it is

generally believed that Russia has made up her mind to agree to a Congress on the English conditions and is only awaiting a proposal being made from some quarter.

From Pesth we hear that Prince Gortchakoff has decided to postpone his reply to the Austrian objections until England has formulated a positive programme against the Treaty. When those are combined he will endeavour to find a basis for an understanding.

The *Porte* correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* says Austria has informed the Porte that she cannot approve any arrangement which will place Bulgaria solely under Russian administration, and that she

has no intention of occupying Bosnia or the Herzegovina, which, besides requiring a force of 60,000 men, would be a source of great and increasing trouble.

The Italian Chamber of Deputies commenced yesterday a debate on five Interpellations respecting the Eastern policy of the Government.

Signor Musolino brought forward a motion calling on the Ministry to support the Congress proposal and to uphold the Treaty of Paris and the London Convention.

It is expected that the Foreign Minister will reply to-day. Meanwhile the *Opinion* publishes an article which fairly describes the attitude of Italy. She does not approve the Treaty of San Stefano, but finds nothing in it to make her depart from her neutral policy.

Her part will be to assist in modifying the Treaty so as to secure the autonomy of the Balkan peninsula, and the formation of a Greek Kingdom strong enough to neutralise Russian preponderance.

The latest intelligence from Constantinople does not look favorable to the suggested Russo-Turkish alliance.

The Sultan has sent Safvet Pacha to the Grand Duke to inquire when the Russians would evacuate the positions they now hold within the line of demarcation prescribed by the Treaty.

In reply his Imperial Highness pointed to the continued presence of the British fleet in Turkish waters. The Turkish newspapers, however, have been ordered to cease attacking England. All attempts to raise a Russian loan for three hundred million routes have proved abortive. The well-known banking firm of Mendelsohn was entrusted with

